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THE RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL
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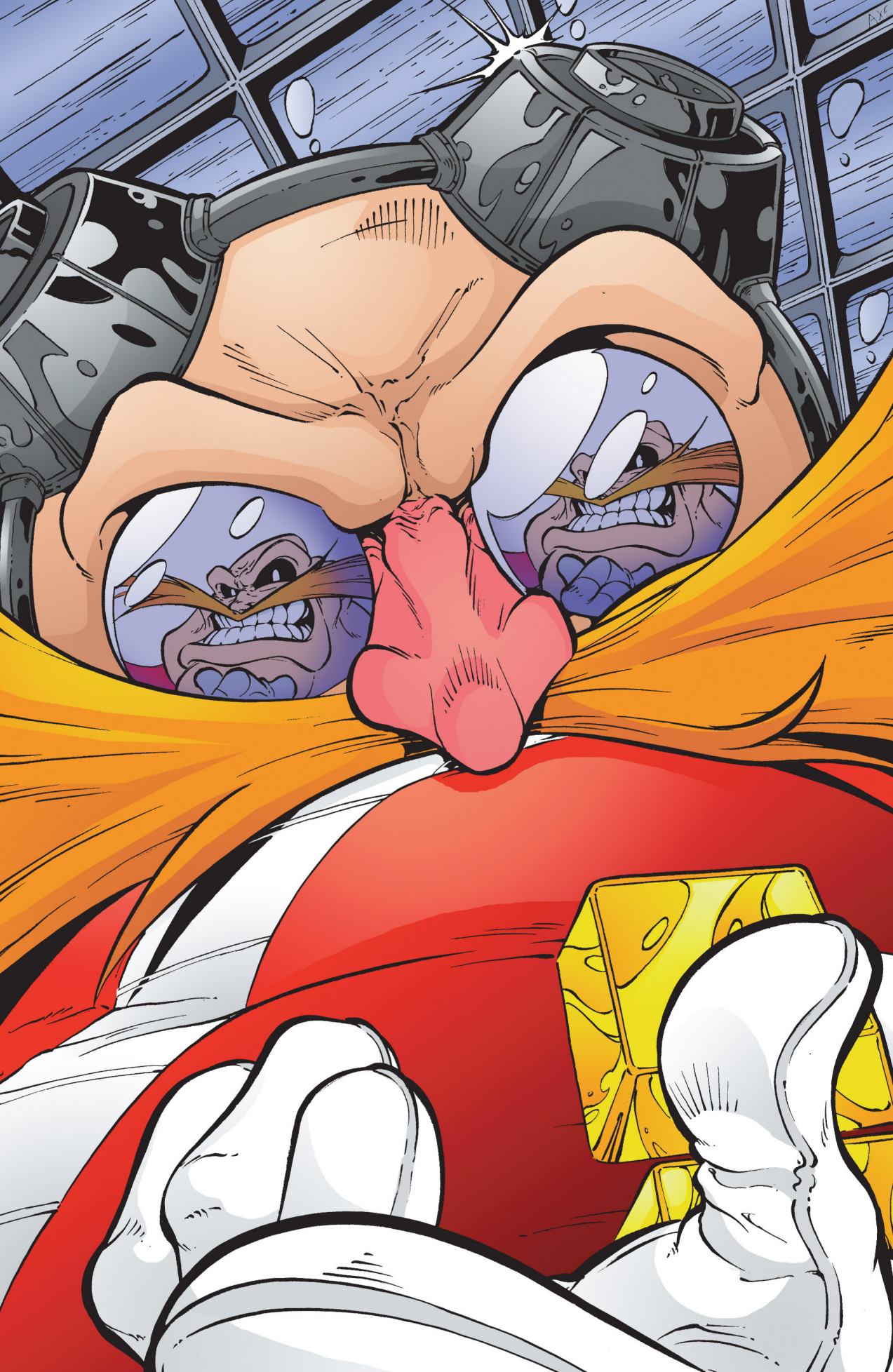
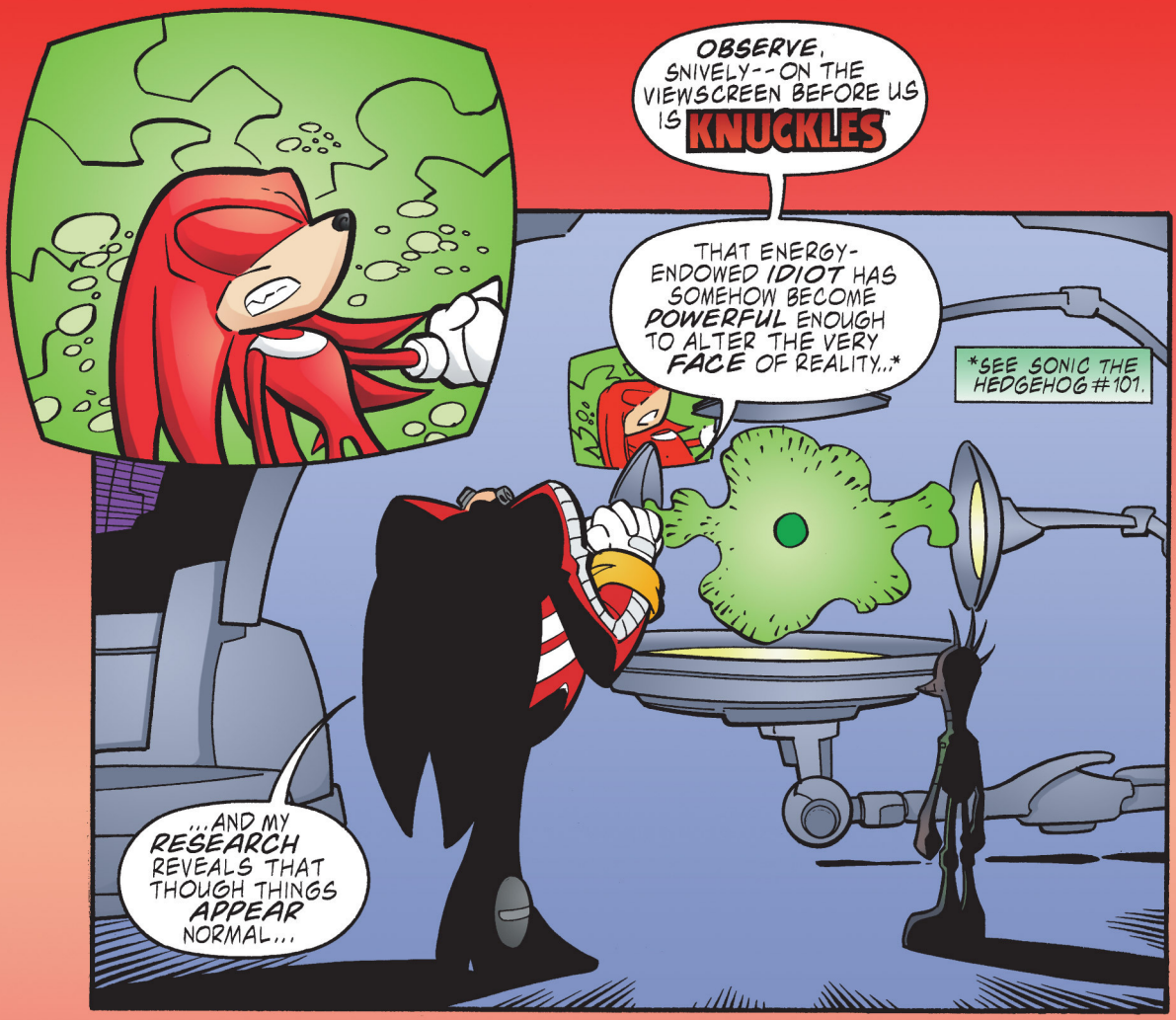
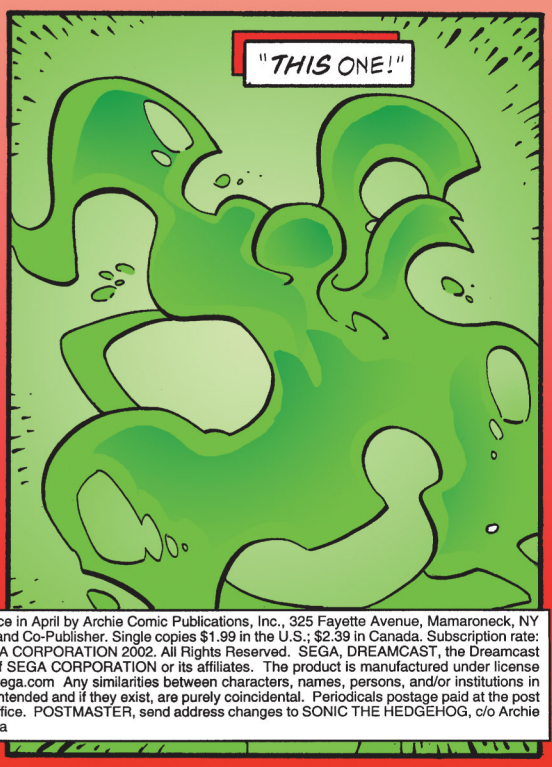



OBSERVE, SNIVELY--ON THE VIEWSCREEN BEFORE US IS KNUCKLES
THAT ENERGY-ENDOWED IDIOT HAS SOMEHOW BECOME POWERFUL ENOUGH TO ALTER THE VERY FACE OF REALITY...*
*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #101.
...AND MY RESEARCH REVEALS THAT THOUGH THINGS APPEAR NORMAL...



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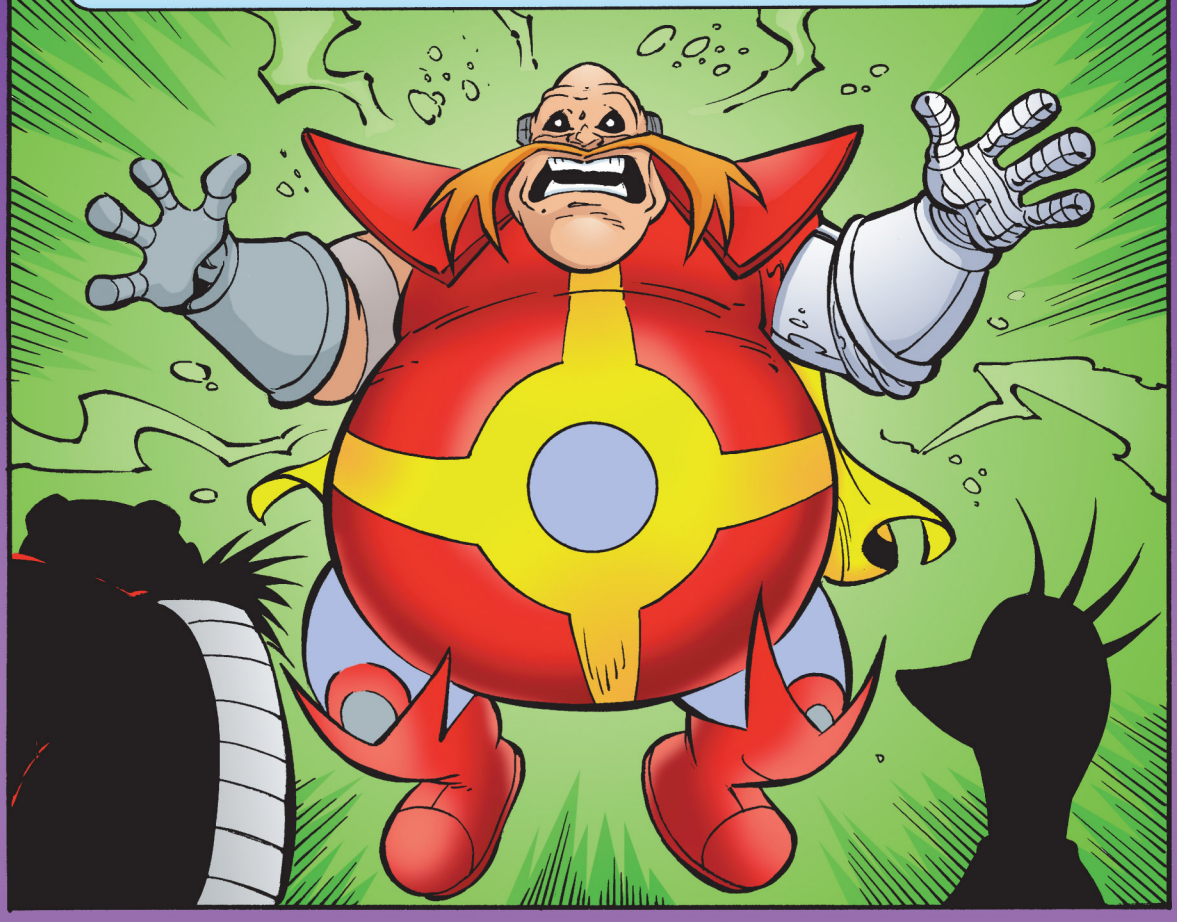
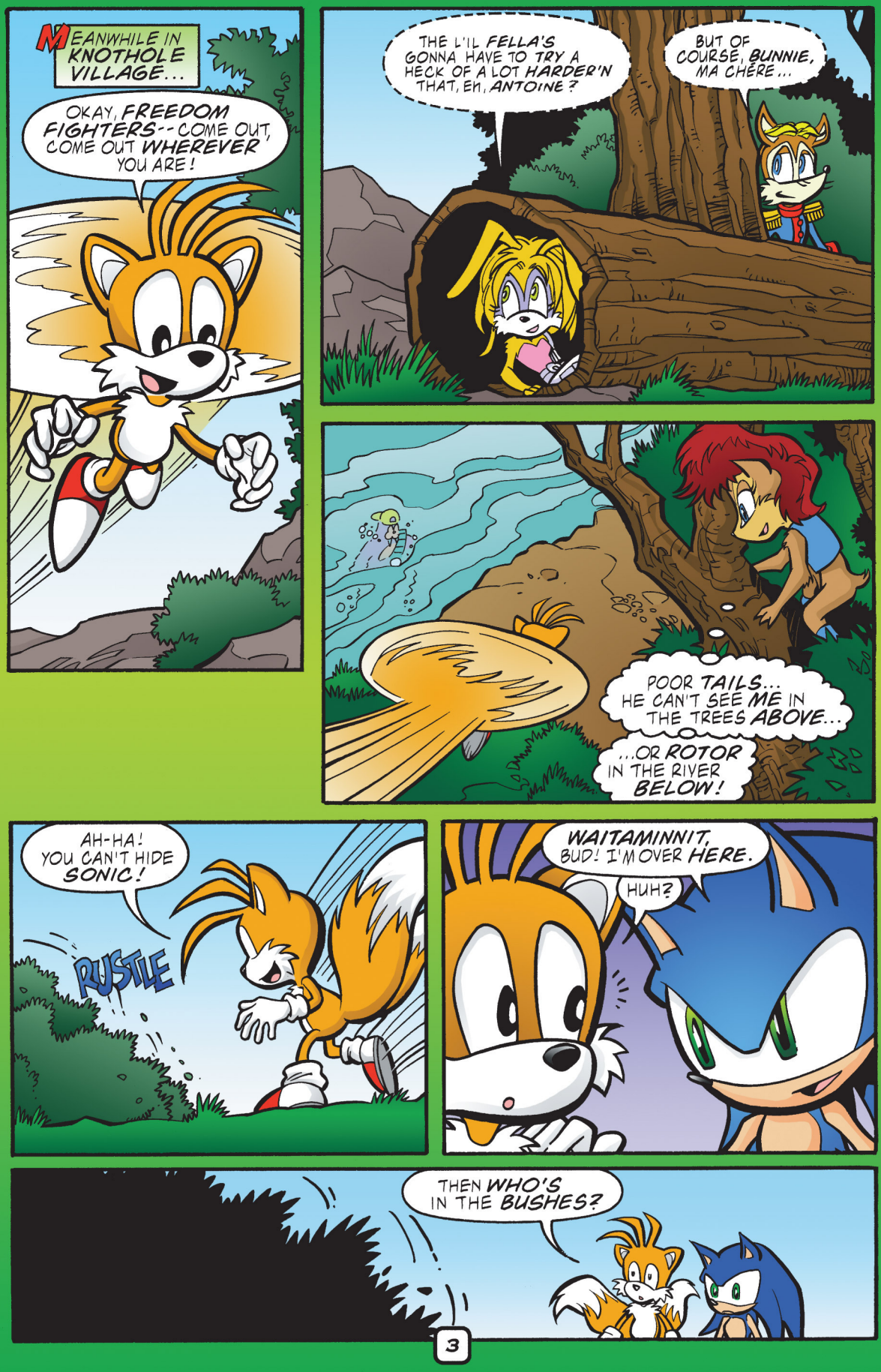
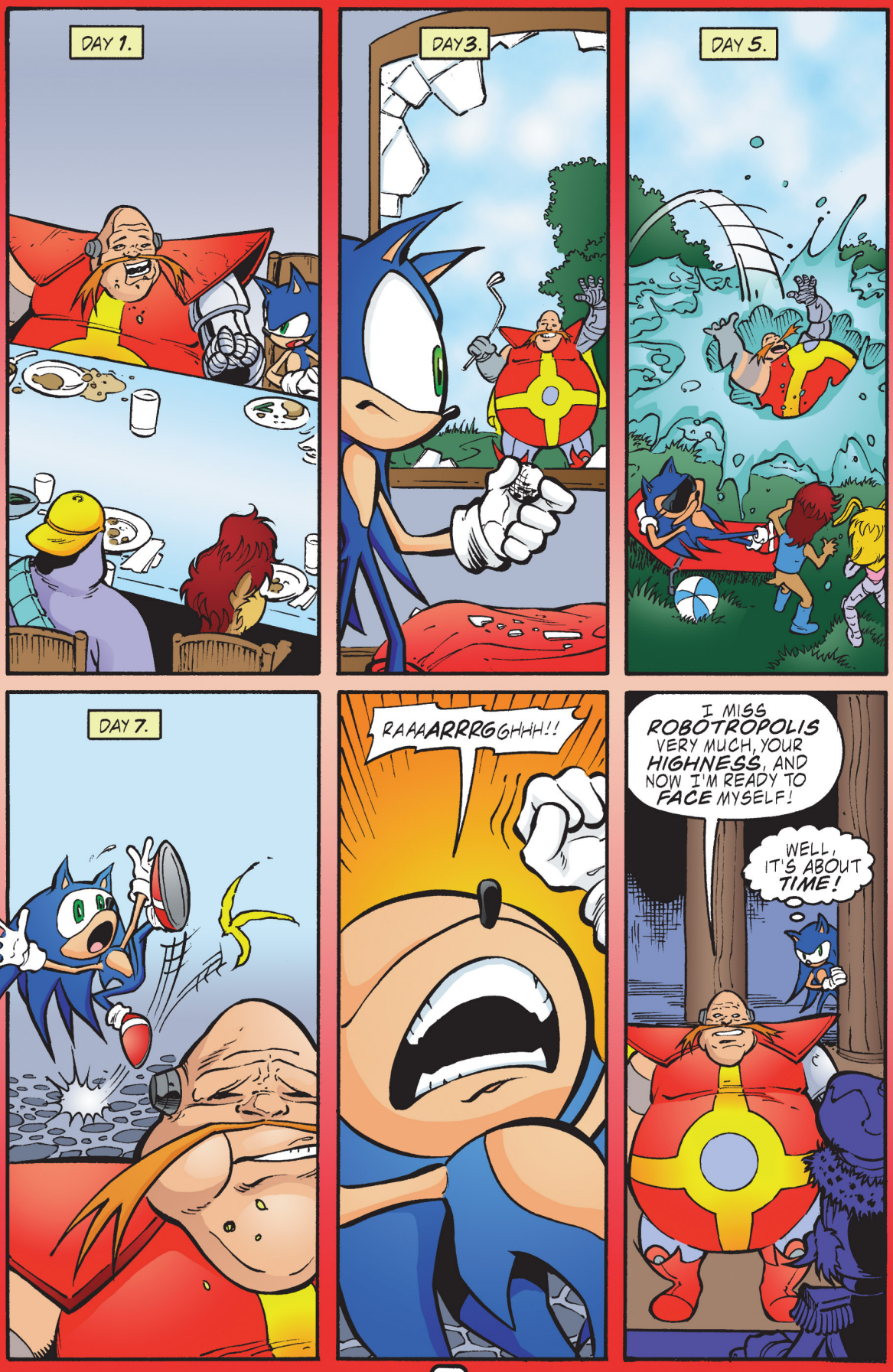
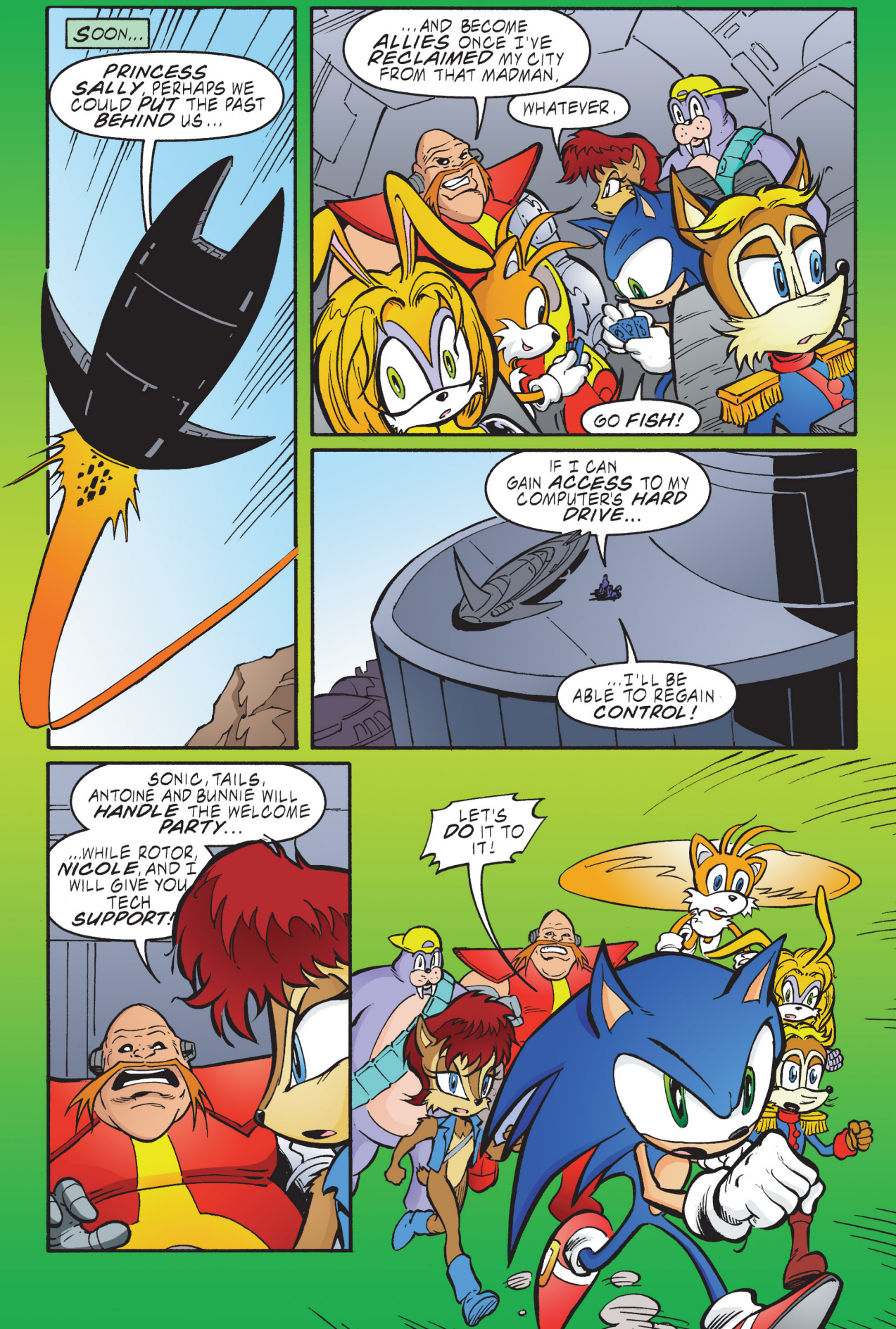


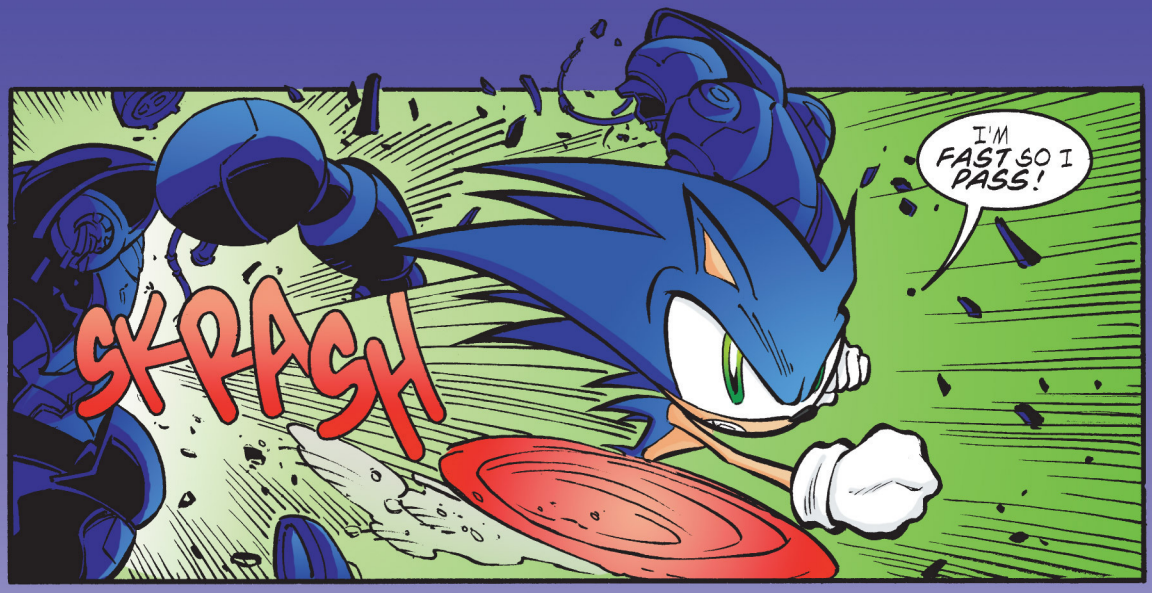

MEANWHILE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
OKAY, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- COME OUT, COME OUT WHEREVER YOU ARE!
THE L'IL FELLA'S GONNA HAVE TO TRY A HECK OF A LOT HARDER'N THAT, EH, ANTOINE?
BUT OF COURSE, BUNNIE, MA CHÉRE...
POOR TAILS... HE CAN'T SEE ME IN THE TREES ABOVE...
...OR ROTOR IN THE RIVER BELOW!
AH-HA! YOU CAN'T HIDE SONIC!
RUSTLE
WAITAMINNIT, BUD! I'M OVER HERE.
HUH?
THEN WHO'S IN THE BUSHES?

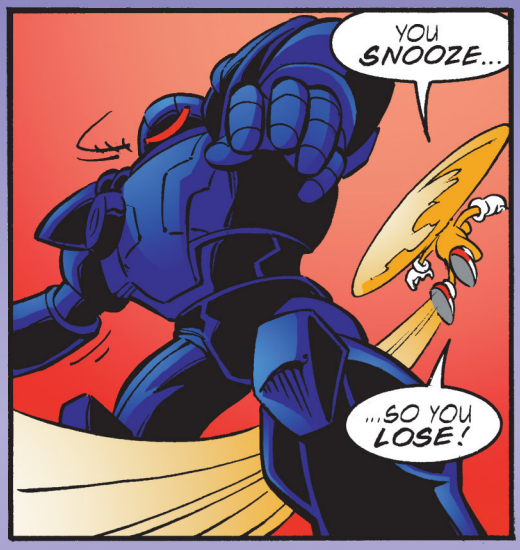
SONIC! TAILS! YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY OWN EYES! IT'S THE ORIGINAL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
HE USED TO BE OUR WORST ENEMY!
"BUT HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN AGES!"*
* SINCE ISH. # 50!
AND HE HAD A PRETTY GOOD EXCUSE -- HE WAS MAJORLY WIPED OUT OF EXISTENCE!
HOW'D A CREEP LIKE YOU MANAGE TO GET A ROUND-TRIP TICKET TO THE AFTERLIFE?
THIS ISN'T MY DOING! ANOTHER VERSION OF MYSELF BROUGHT ME BACK IN ORDER TO STEAL MY OH-SO PRECIOUS MEMORIES!
HE'S TEN TIMES NASTIER THAN I EVER WAS! I BARELY MANAGED TO ESCAPE HIS =GASP= SHADOW-BOTS!
WHY SHOULD WE CARE? YOU BADNIKS ARE BOTH FROM THE SAME MOLD.
GET IT? "MOLD?"

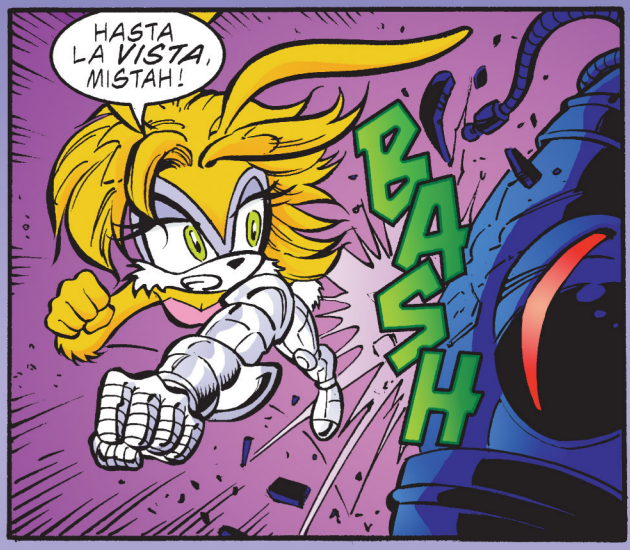
MOM? DAD? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
ALL I'M ASKING FOR IS PROTECTION!
HE DOES LOOK BADLY BRUISED, MAX...
I SEE, ALICIA. MAYBE WE CAN HELP...
HEL-LOOOO! HAS EVERYONE FORGOTTEN HOW HE ONCE TRIED TO TURN US ALL INTO HIS ROBOT SLAVES?!
I MEAN HE COULD BE A ROBOT HIMSELF!
EXCELLENT POINT, SONIC...
"...WHY NOT HAVE DOCTOR QUACK EXAMINE HIM?
UH-HUH...
UH-HUH...
WELL, HE'S THE REAL DEAL, ALL RIGHT--ROBOTNIK IN THE, ERR... FLESH.


DAY 1.
DAY 3.
DAY 5.
DAY 7.
RAAAARRRGGHHH!!
I MISS ROBOTROPOLIS VERY MUCH, YOUR HIGHNESS, AND NOW I'M READY TO FACE MYSELF!
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!


SOON...
PRINCESS SALLY, PERHAPS WE COULD PUT THE PAST BEHIND US...
...AND BECOME ALLIES ONCE I'VE RECLAIMED MY CITY FROM THAT MADMAN.
WHATEVER.
GO FISH!
IF I CAN GAIN ACCESS TO MY COMPUTER'S HARD DRIVE...
...I'LL BE ABLE TO REGAIN CONTROL!
SONIC, TAILS, ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL HANDLE THE WELCOME PARTY...
...WHILE ROTOR, NICOLE, AND I WILL GIVE YOU TECH SUPPORT!
LET'S DO IT TO IT!


SKRASH
I'M FAST SO I PASS!

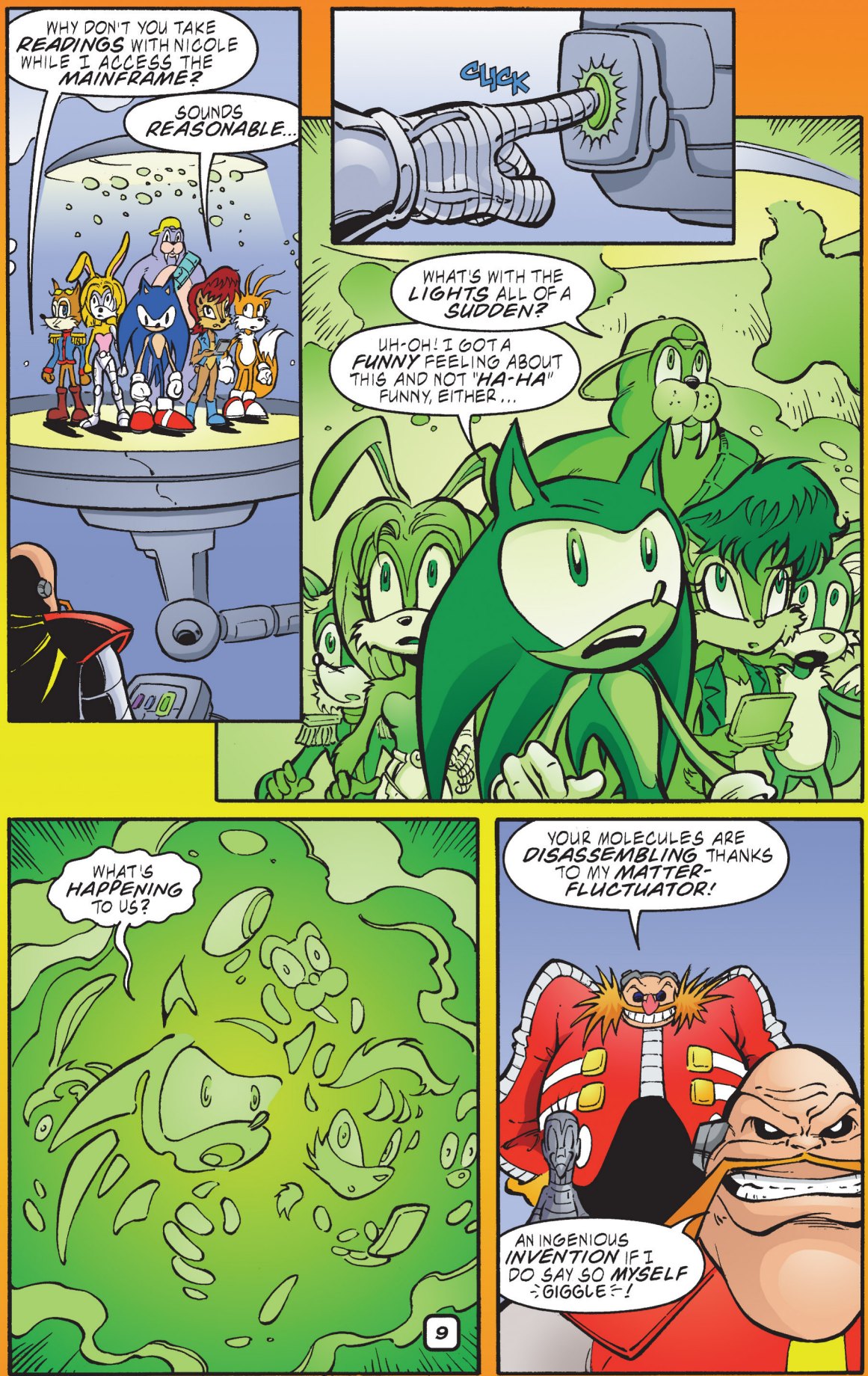

YOU SNOOZE...
...SO YOU LOSE!


HASTA LA VISTA, MISTAH!
BASH

OH, SHOOT! THAT'S YER REBEL YELL, SUGAH-HOG!
DON'T SWEAT IT, BUN!
SHAKIN' THINGS UP EVERY NOW AND AGAIN IS COOL IN MY BOOK!

WHERE'S THE COMPUTER LOCATED?
JUST A BIT FURTHER...

THERE IT IS!
IS IT ME, OR DOES YOUR COMPUTER LOOK NOT LIKE A COMPUTER?
ERR... MUST BE YOU!


WHY DON'T YOU TAKE READINGS WITH NICOLE WHILE I ACCESS THE MAINFRAME?
SOUNDS REASONABLE...
CLICK
WHAT'S WITH THE LIGHTS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
UH-OH! I GOT A FUNNY FEELING ABOUT THIS AND NOT "HA-HA" FUNNY, EITHER...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US?
YOUR MOLECULES ARE DISASSEMBLING THANKS TO MY MATTER-FLUCTUATOR!
AN INGENIOUS INVENTION IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF =GIGGLE=!
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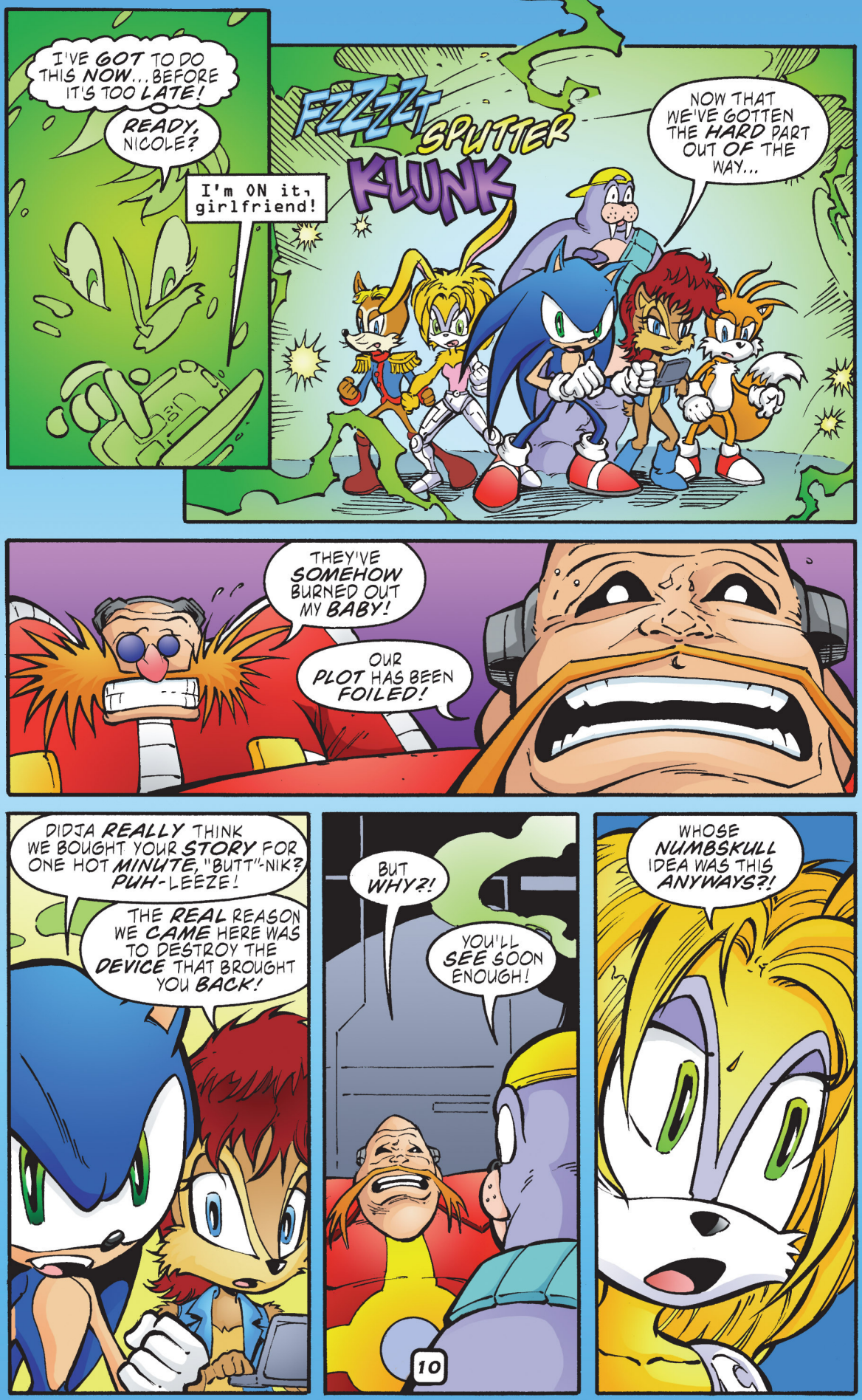
I'VE GOT TO DO THIS NOW... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
READY, NICOLE?
I'm ON it, girlfriend!
FZZZZT
SPUTTER
KLUNK
NOW THAT WE'VE GOTTEN THE HARD PART OUT OF THE WAY...
THEY'VE SOMEHOW BURNED OUT MY BABY!
OUR PLOT HAS BEEN FOILED!
DIDJA REALLY THINK WE BOUGHT YOUR STORY FOR ONE HOT MINUTE, "BUTT"-NIK? PUH-LEEZE!
THE REAL REASON WE CAME HERE WAS TO DESTROY THE DEVICE THAT BROUGHT YOU BACK!
BUT WHY?!
YOU'LL SEE SOON ENOUGH!
WHOSE NUMBSKULL IDEA WAS THIS ANYWAYS?!
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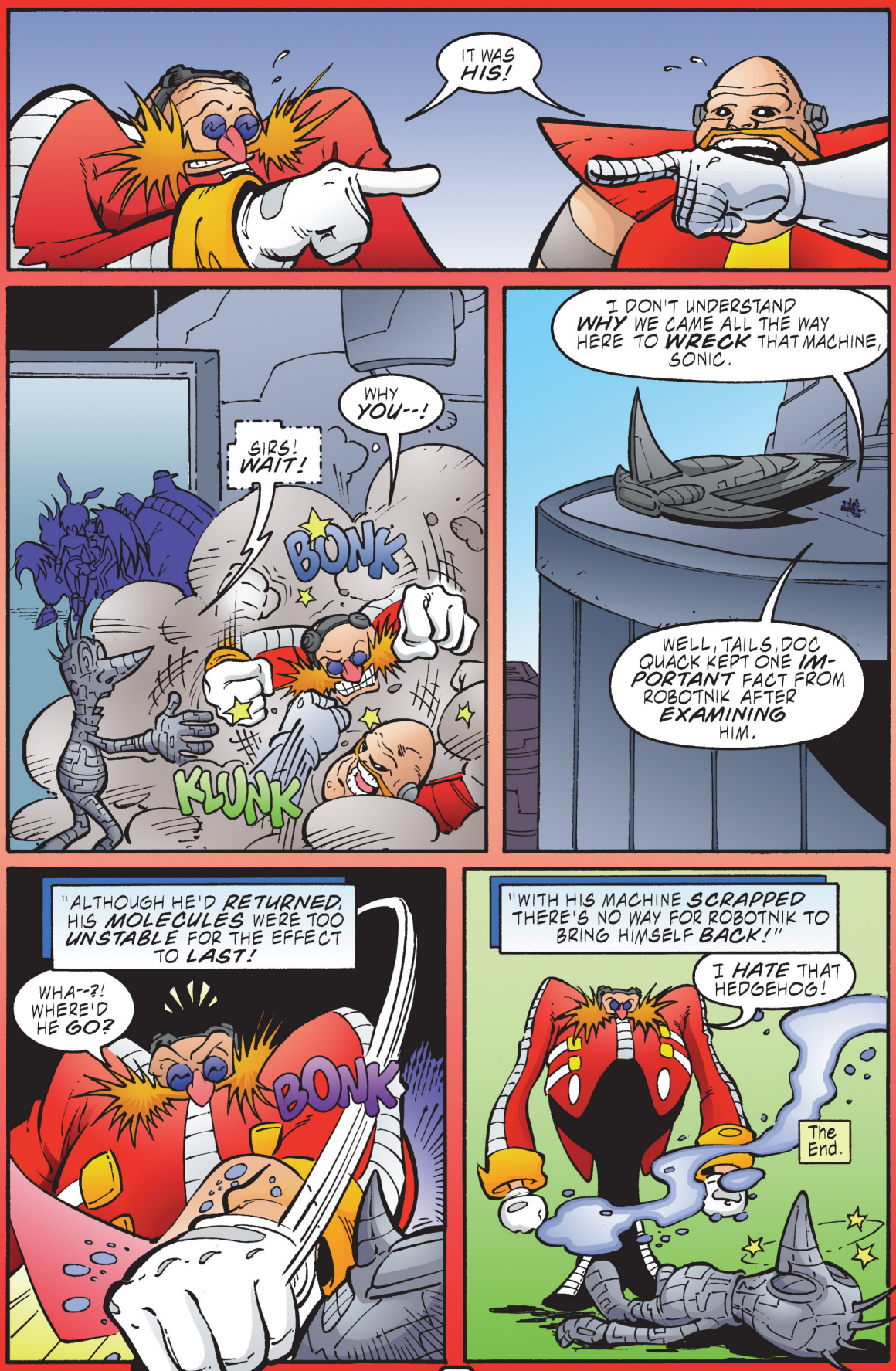
IT WAS HIS!
WHY YOU--!
SIRS! WAIT!
BONK
KLUNK
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO WRECK THAT MACHINE, SONIC.
WELL, TAILS, DOC QUACK KEPT ONE IMPORTANT FACT FROM ROBOTNIK AFTER EXAMINING HIM.
"ALTHOUGH HE'D RETURNED, HIS MOLECULES WERE TOO UNSTABLE FOR THE EFFECT TO LAST!
WHA--?! WHERE'D HE GO?
BONK
"WITH HIS MACHINE SCRAPPED THERE'S NO WAY FOR ROBOTNIK TO BRING HIMSELF BACK!"
I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!
The End.

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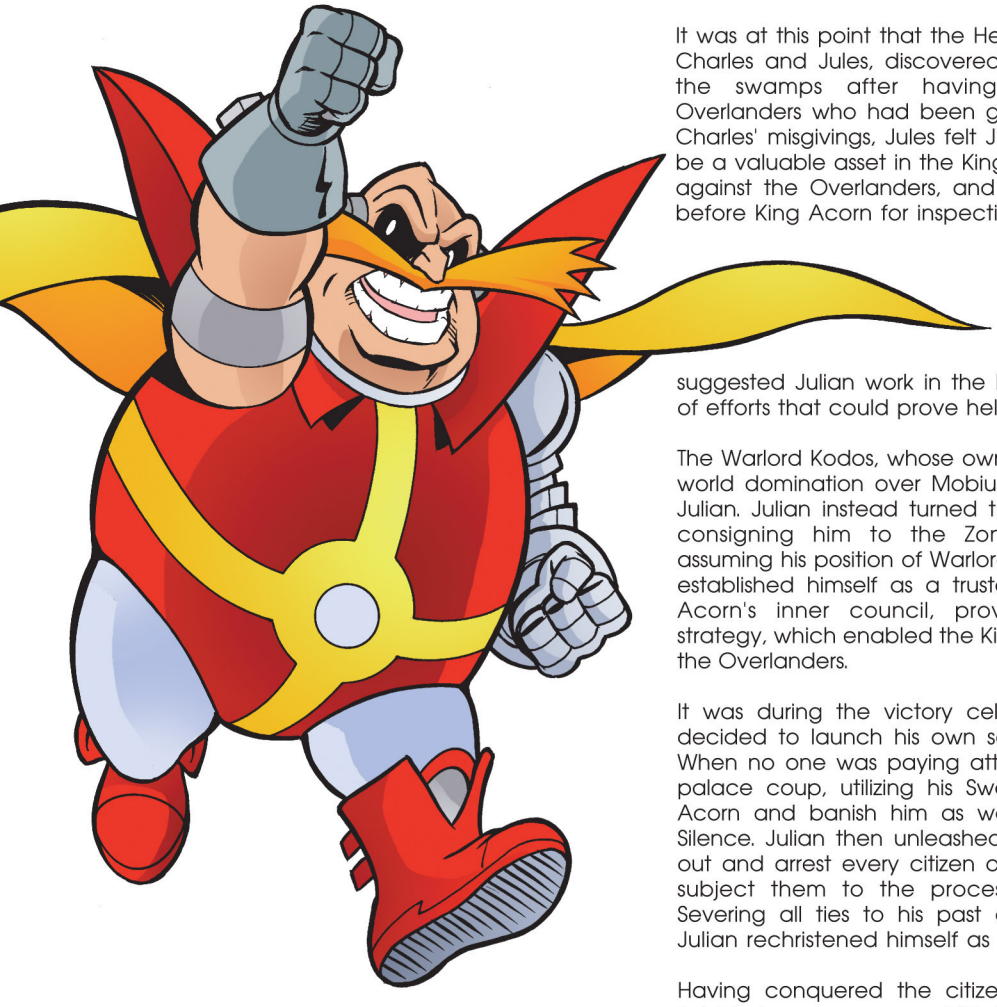
DR. ROBOTNIK !



FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0, February 1993
FULL NAME: Dr. Ivo Robotnik (formerly known as Julian Kintobor from the House of Ivo)
RANK: Evil despot, absolute ruler over Robotropolis and all he surveyed
BORN: 253 / 3189 DIED: 164 / 3235
HEIGHT: 132 marks WEIGHT: 12.7 stone
HAIR: red (when allowed to grow as Robotnik prefer the clean-shaven look)
EYES: coal grey
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: Warlord, Chief Scientist
KNOWN FAMILY: Colin Kintobar (brother-roboticized, whereabouts unknown), Colin "Snively" Kintobar, Jr (nephew - roboticized), Hope (niece)

HISTORY: As the second son born into his family, great things were expected of Julian Kintobor, and for a time he did not disappoint. Beyond that, not much else about his formative years is known other than he had an older brother named Colin and a distinguished career as a scientist among his people. There is evidence, however, that Julian may been a tad too ambitious for his own good, which resulted in the Overlanders outlawing some of his more dangerous experiments. It was his own brother, now a Megapolis Magistrate, who ultimately expulsed Julian from their society.

It was at this point that the Hedgehog brothers, Sir Charles and Jules, discovered Julian as he lay in the swamps after having avoided several Overlanders who had been giving chase. Despite Charles' misgivings, Jules felt Julian might prove to be a valuable asset in the Kingdom of Acorn's war against the Overlanders, and thus brought Julian before King Acorn for inspection. The King, in turn, suggested Julian work in the labs on any number of efforts that could prove helpful to the Kingdom.

The Warlord Kodos, whose own ambitions included world domination over Mobius, soon approached Julian. Julian instead turned the tables on Kodos, consigning him to the Zone of Silence and assuming his position of Warlord. Before long, Julian established himself as a trusted member of King Acorn's inner council, providing the winning strategy, which enabled the King's forces to defeat the Overlanders.

It was during the victory celebration that Julian decided to launch his own scheme of conquest. When no one was paying attention, he staged a palace coup, utilizing his Swatbots to seize King Acorn and banish him as well into the Zone of Silence. Julian then unleashed his Swatbots to go out and arrest every citizen of Mobius in order to subject them to the process of roboticization. Severing all ties to his past existence save one, Julian rechristened himself as Doctor Ivo Robotnik.

Having conquered the citizenry of Mobotropolis (which he soon renamed "Robotropolis"), Robotnik set his sights on proceeding to conquer the rest of Mobius, with an army of mindless roboticized slaves ready to carry out his every command. It didn't take long, however, before resistance forces started fighting back, and his greatest enemy soon turned out to be none other than a hedgehog with an attitude named Sonic.

Frustrated from one plan too many going awry because of the hedgehog, Robotnik struck back with an audacious scheme designed to turn all of Sonic's friends against him. Unfortunately for Robotnik, he only succeeded in enraging Sonic past the point-of-no-return, and found himself in a fight to the death with Sonic just as he activated the Ultimate Nullifier. Sonic managed to survive that ordeal, but for all intents and purposes, Robotnik didn't.

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DR. ROBOTNIK II

HISTORY: Once upon a time in another zone, the being who would one day be known as Robotnik Mach Two had the same history as Dr. Robotnik I. That history changed when in that zone, Sonic and The Freedom Fighters had Robotnik at the verge of defeat. Rather than lose his reign, he roboticized himself and became more powerful than ever. Now calling himself Robo-Robotnik, this artificial lifeform became bent on conquering every known zone by first eliminating whatever version of Sonic existed within it. His mad scheme came to an abrupt halt when he utilized the Giant Borg in the Prime Zone and was defeated by a multitude of Sonics.

Though his artificial body was destroyed, Robo-Robotnik's cybernetic consciousness returned to his own zone, whereby it became trapped aboard an orbital space station he had been building but had not yet completed. When the first Doctor Robotnik accidentally transported aboard, Robo-Robotnik tapped his memory before transporting him back to his own reality, and learned where fragments of the Giant Borg existed in Robo's native zone.

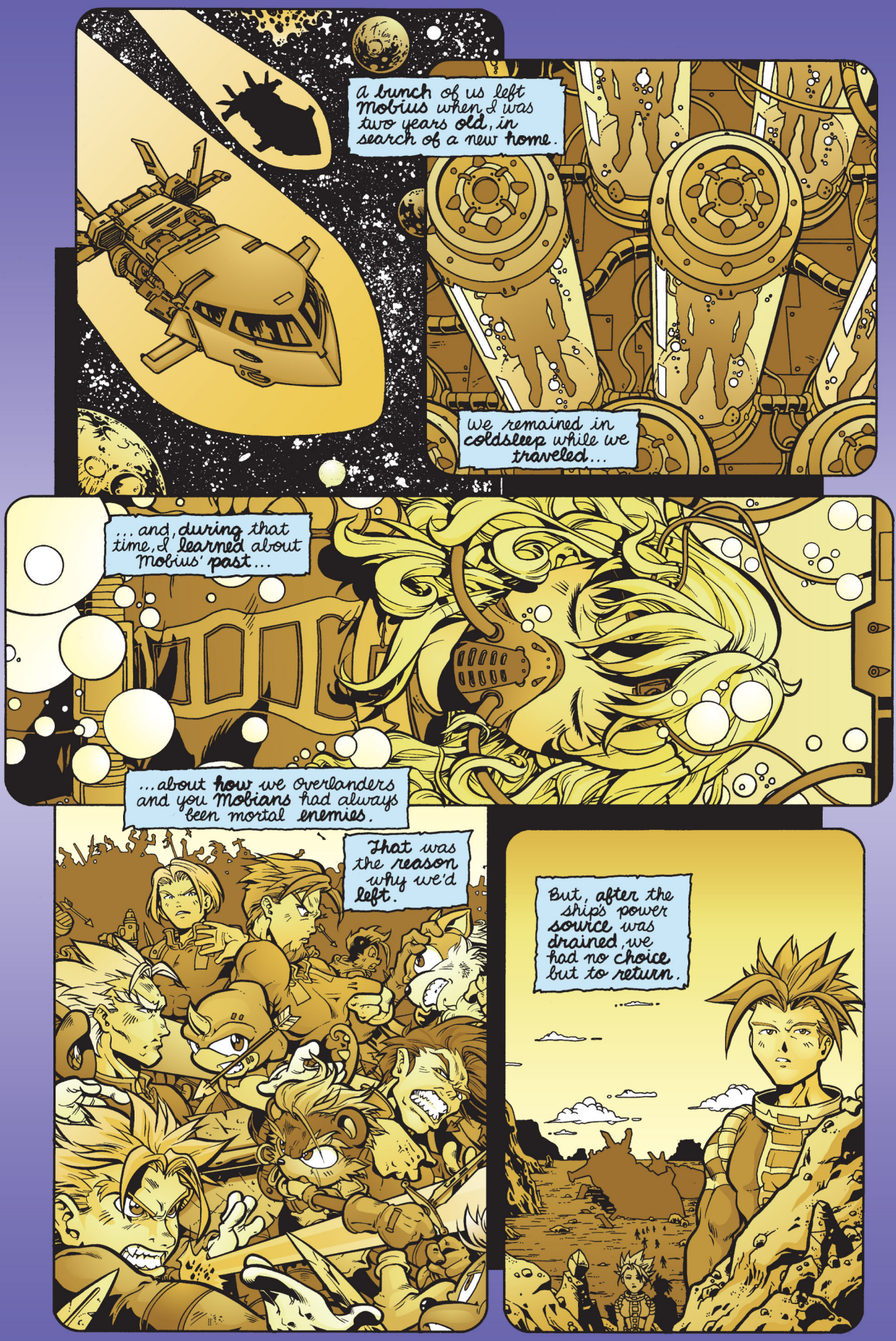
After recovering the remains, Robo-Robotnik utilized his advanced technology to create a new shell, a carbon-version of the first Doctor Robotnik, and proceeded to wipe out the Royal Family on his Mobius. He then returned to the zone where the first Robotnik existed, only to discover he died while engaging in mortal combat against Sonic.

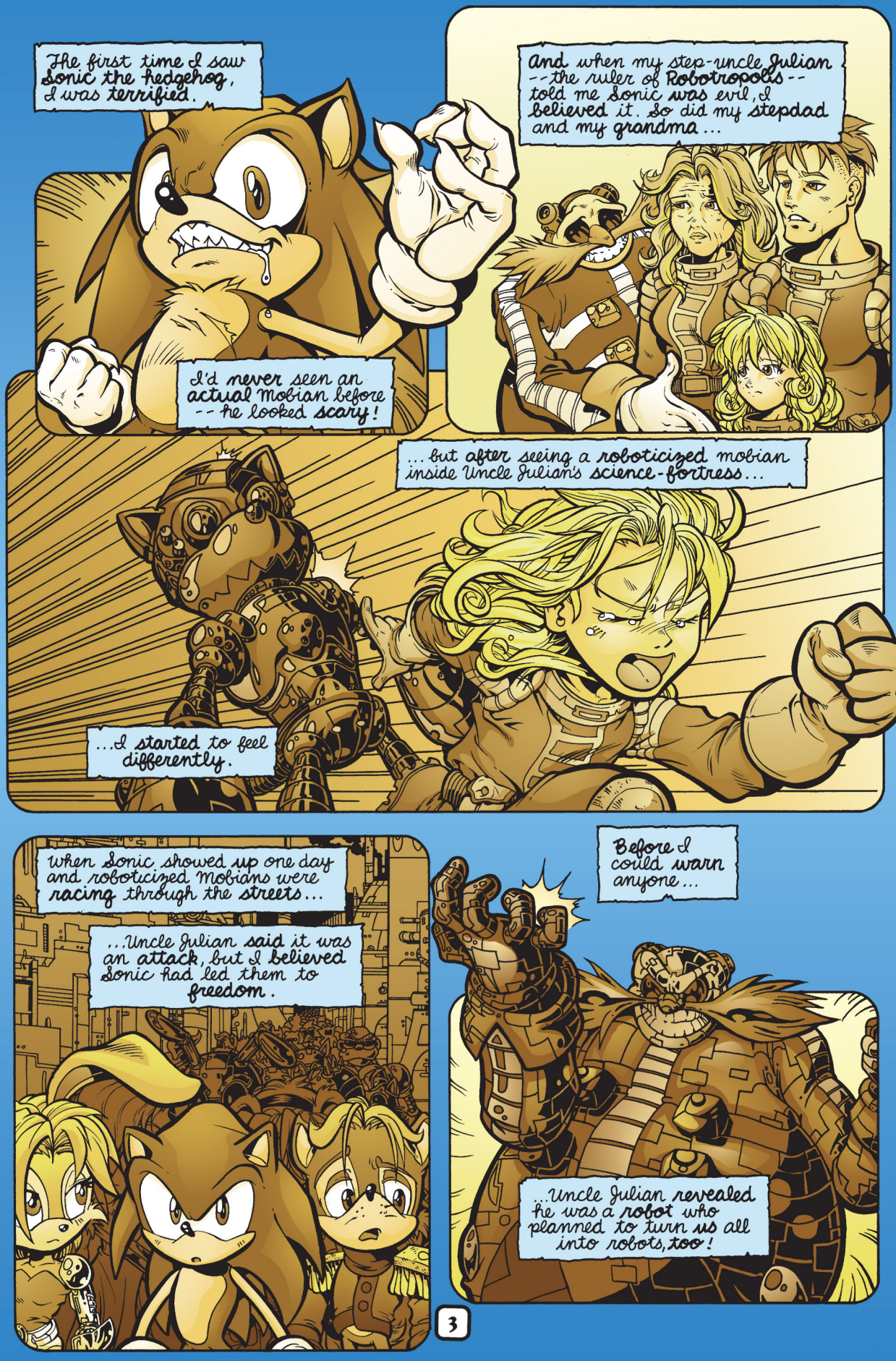
Deciding conquering one zone was as good as another, Robo-Robotnik set up shop and began by building a network of satellites from which he launched his initial attacks. After revealing his existence to Sonic and his fellow Freedom Fighters, Robo -- who now referred to himself as Robotnik Mach Two -- retook Mobotropolis, robbed the roboticized citizens of their free will and enslaved them once again, and embarked on a program to systematically conquer Mobius in a manner even more ruthless than his predecessor ever imagined.

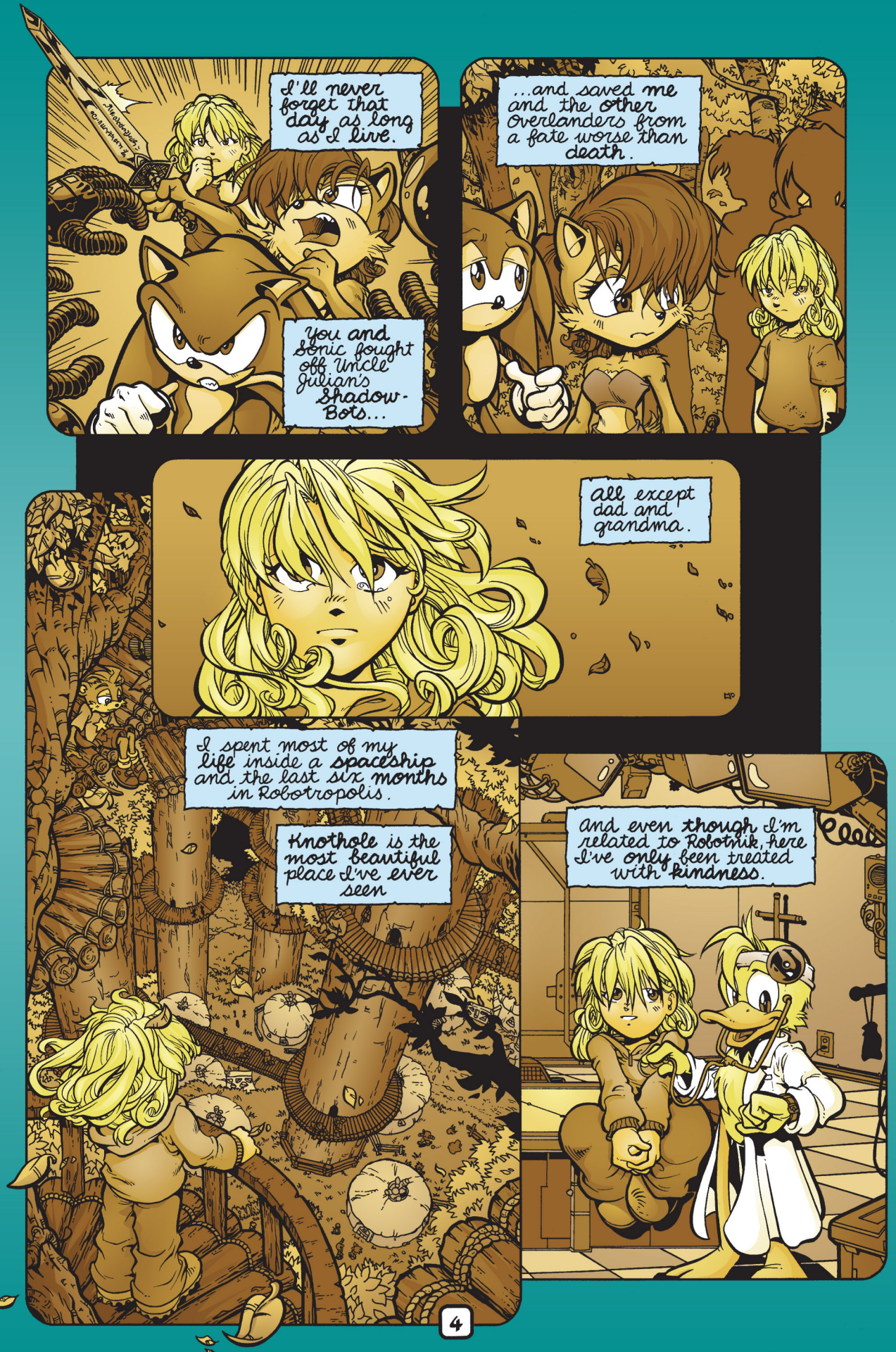
As with the previous Robotnik, Robotnik Mach Two has come to experience defeat and frustration at the hands of Sonic and his fellow Freedom Fighters. The difference this time is that with each new encounter, the combat grows far more deadlier, and no one can say with any certainty who the ultimate victor will eventually be.

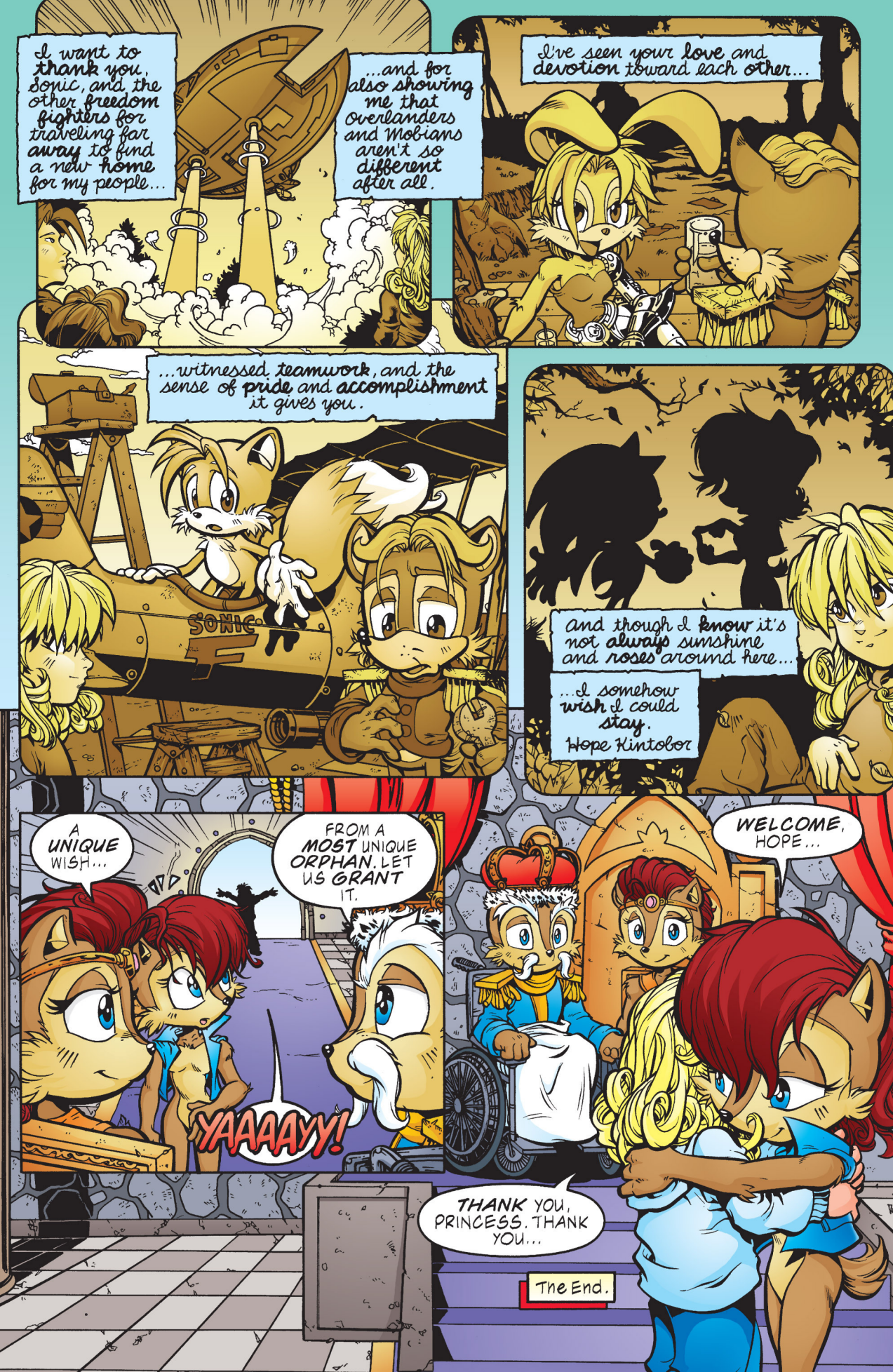
FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #19, February 1995
FULL NAME: Robotnik Mach Two (formerly Robo-Robotnik, formerly Dr. Ivo Robotnik, formerly known as Julian Kintobor from the House of Ivo from another zone)
RANK: Evil genius
BORN: 253 / 3189 ROBOTICIZED: 46 / 3232
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: A cybernetic consciousness dependent upon whatever artificial mobile shell this lifeform inhabits
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: As Robo-Robotnik: mad conqueror in another zone. As Dr. Ivo Robotnik: Warlord, Chief Scientist
ABILITIES: Whatever any individual mobile shell he inhabits is designed and programmed for

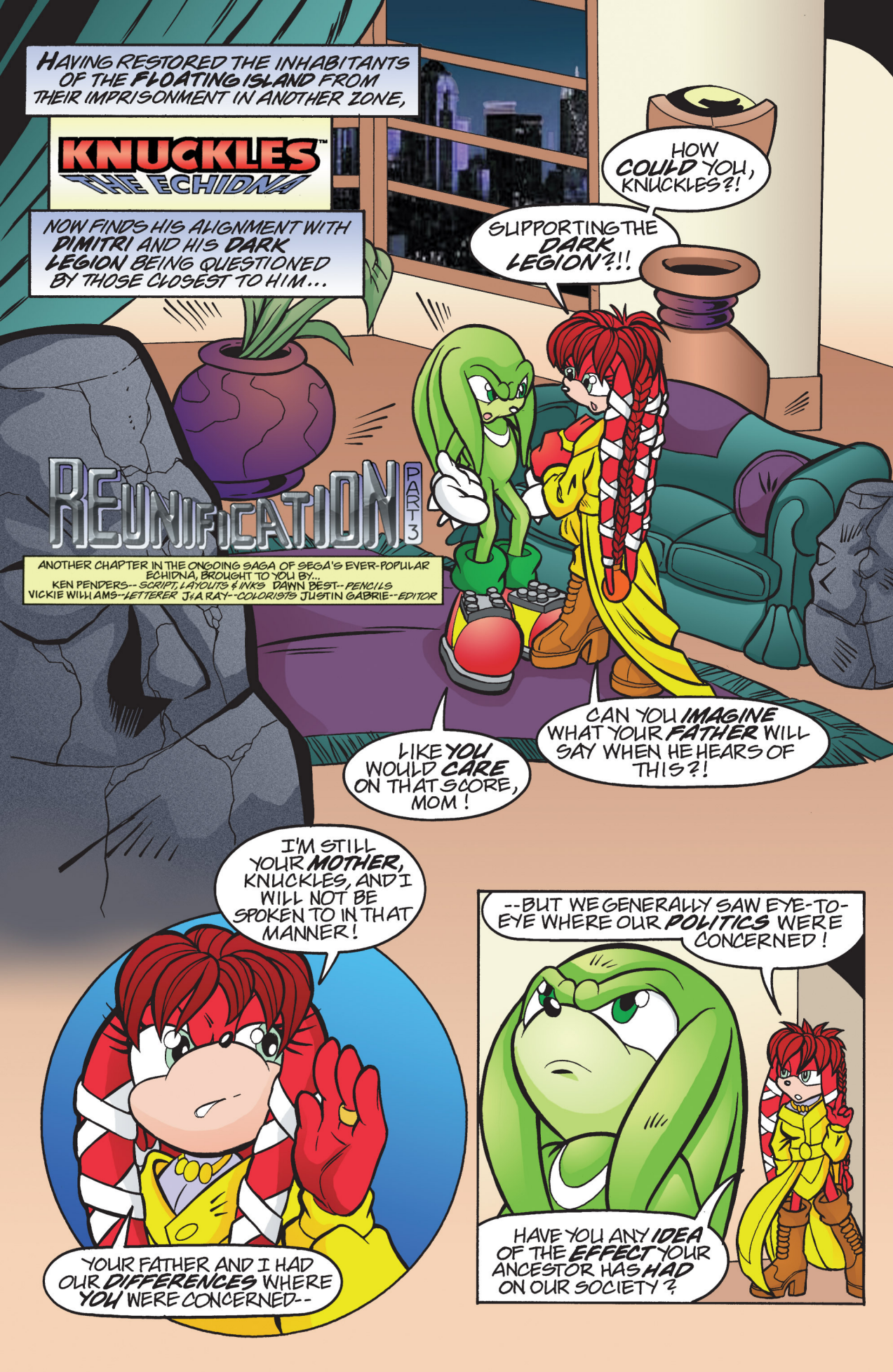
CASTLE ACORN...
MOM...DAD...I RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM AN OVERLANDER REFUGEE, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S NIECE...
"...A GIRL NAMED HOPE!"
KARL BOLLERS WRITER J. AXER PENCILER ANDREW PEPOY INKER
JEFF POWELL LETTERER JOSH & AIMEE RAY COLORISTS J.F. GABRIE EDITOR
SHE WRITES, "DEAR PRINCESS SALLY..."
...this is my story.


a bunch of us left Mobius when I was two years old, in search of a new home.
we remained in coldsleep while we traveled...
...and, during that time, I learned about Mobius' past...
...about how we Overlanders and you Mobians had always been mortal enemies.
That was the reason why we'd left.
But, after the ship's power source was drained, we had no choice but to return.

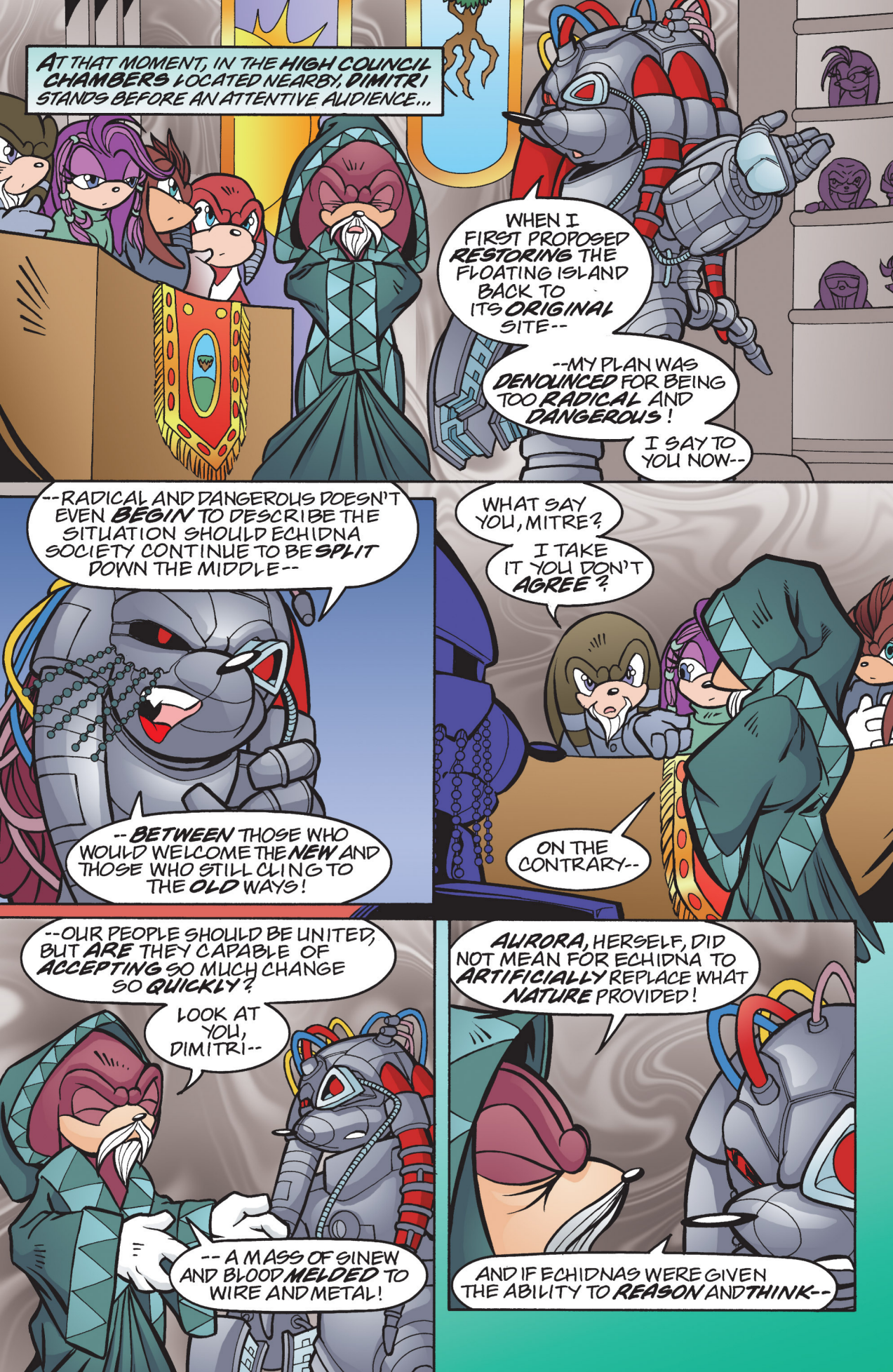

The first time I saw Sonic the Hedgehog, I was terrified.
I'd never seen an actual Mobian before -- he looked scary!
And when my step-uncle Julian -- the ruler of Robotropolis -- told me Sonic was evil, I believed it. So did my stepdad and my grandma...
...but after seeing a roboticized mobian inside Uncle Julian's science-fortress...
...I started to feel differently.
When Sonic showed up one day and roboticized Mobians were racing through the streets...
...Uncle Julian said it was an attack, but I believed Sonic had led them to freedom.
Before I could warn anyone...
...Uncle Julian revealed he was a robot who planned to turn us all into robots, too!

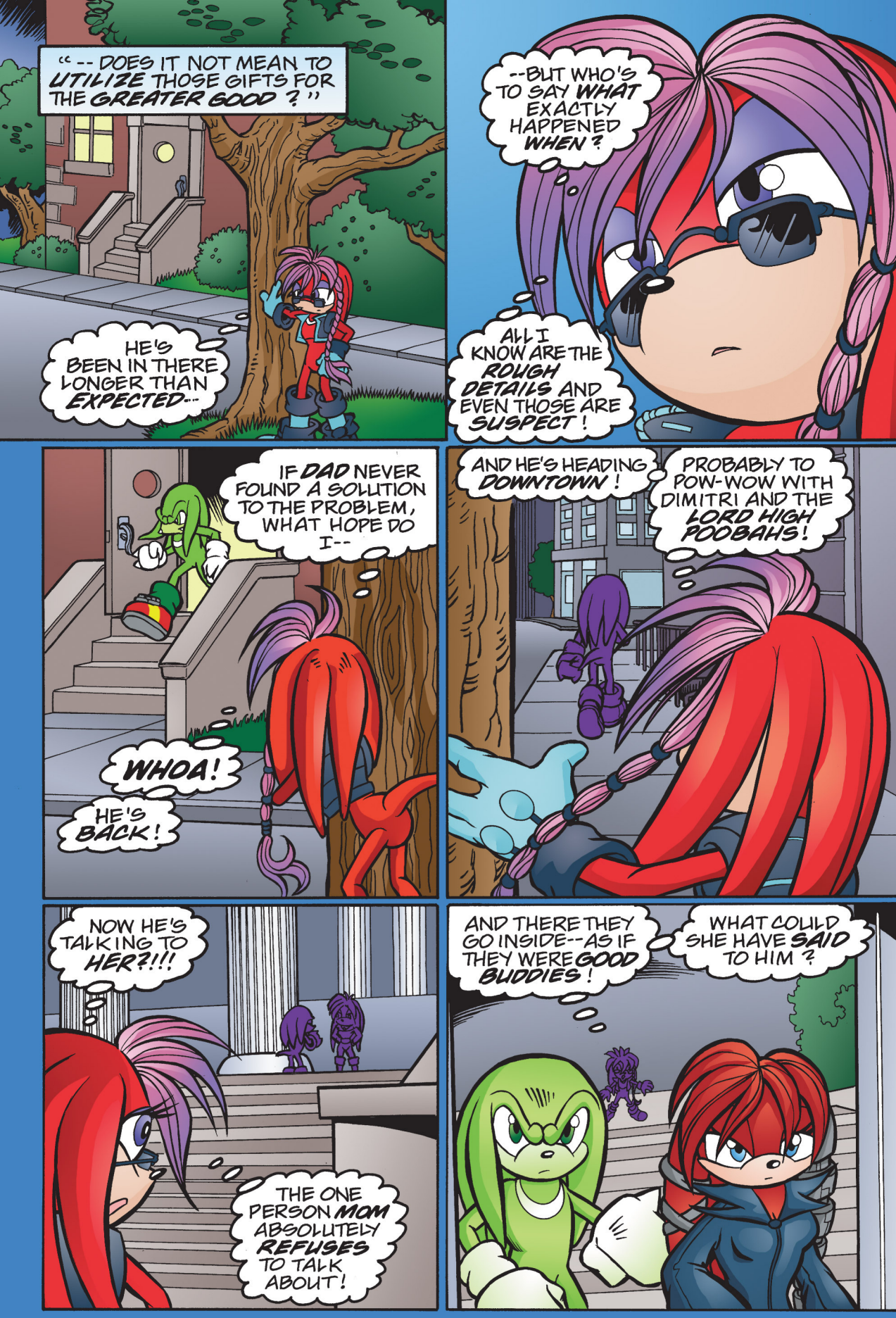

I'll never forget that day as long as I live.
You and Sonic fought off Uncle Julian's Shadow-Bots...
...and saved me and the other Overlanders from a fate worse than death.
all except dad and grandma.
I spent most of my life inside a spaceship and the last six months in Robotropolis.
Knothole is the most beautiful place I've ever seen
and even though I'm related to Robotnik, here I've only been treated with kindness.


I want to thank you, Sonic, and the other freedom fighters for traveling far away to find a new home for my people...
...and for also showing me that Overlanders and Mobians aren't so different after all.
I've seen your love and devotion toward each other...
...witnessed teamwork, and the sense of pride and accomplishment it gives you.
SONIC
and though I know it's not always sunshine and roses around here...
...I somehow wish I could stay.
Hope Kintobor
A UNIQUE WISH...
FROM A MOST UNIQUE ORPHAN. LET US GRANT IT.
YAAAAYY!
WELCOME, HOPE...
THANK YOU, PRINCESS. THANK YOU...
The End.


HAVING RESTORED THE INHABITANTS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM THEIR IMPRISONMENT IN ANOTHER ZONE,
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
NOW FINDS HIS ALIGNMENT WITH DIMITRI AND HIS DARK LEGION BEING QUESTIONED BY THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM...
REUNIFICATION PART 3
ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...
KEN PENDERS-- SCRIPT, LAYOUTS & INKS DAWN BEST-- PENCILS
VICKIE WILLIAMS--LETTERER J&A RAY--COLORISTS JUSTIN GABRIE--EDITOR
HOW COULD YOU, KNUCKLES?!
SUPPORTING THE DARK LEGION?!!
CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT YOUR FATHER WILL SAY WHEN HE HEARS OF THIS?!
LIKE YOU WOULD CARE ON THAT SCORE, MOM!
I'M STILL YOUR MOTHER, KNUCKLES, AND I WILL NOT BE SPOKEN TO IN THAT MANNER!
YOUR FATHER AND I HAD OUR DIFFERENCES WHERE YOU WERE CONCERNED--
--BUT WE GENERALLY SAW EYE-TO-EYE WHERE OUR POLITICS WERE CONCERNED!
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA OF THE EFFECT YOUR ANCESTOR HAS HAD ON OUR SOCIETY?

IT'S NOT LIKE THE MITRES* WERE COMPLETELY INNOCENT, MOM!
MAYBE NOT--
--BUT THEY DIDN'T ATTEMPT HOSTILE TAKE-OVERS LIKE YOUR ANCESTOR, EITHER!
*MITRES -- ECHIDNA SPIRITUAL GUIDES, AKIN TO PRIESTS-- Justin.
SO, WHY NOT HEAR WHAT DIMITRI HAS TO SAY BEFORE GIVING HIM THE OLD HEAVE-HO?
BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS A DANGEROUS THREAT TO MY CHILDREN, THAT'S WHY!
"CHILDREN?"
I'M AN ONLY CHILD, MOM!
I DIDN'T MISSPEAK, KNUCKLES!
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SIBLING!
I'M PREGNANT!
Uh...er... ARE YOU SURE?
REALLY, KNUCKLES! YOU THINK A MOTHER WOULDN'T KNOW THESE THINGS?
GUESS I NEVER GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT BEFORE!
MUCH LIKE OTHER MATTERS YOU APPARENTLY HAVEN'T CONSIDERED!


AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE HIGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED NEARBY, DIMITRI STANDS BEFORE AN ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE...
WHEN I FIRST PROPOSED RESTORING THE FLOATING ISLAND BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL SITE--
--MY PLAN WAS DENOUNCED FOR BEING TOO RADICAL AND DANGEROUS!
I SAY TO YOU NOW--
--RADICAL AND DANGEROUS DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION SHOULD ECHIDNA SOCIETY CONTINUE TO BE SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE--
--BETWEEN THOSE WHO WOULD WELCOME THE NEW AND THOSE WHO STILL CLING TO THE OLD WAYS!
WHAT SAY YOU, MITRE?
I TAKE IT YOU DON'T AGREE?
ON THE CONTRARY--
--OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE UNITED, BUT ARE THEY CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING SO MUCH CHANGE SO QUICKLY?
LOOK AT YOU, DIMITRI--
--A MASS OF SINEW AND BLOOD MELDED TO WIRE AND METAL!
AURORA, HERSELF, DID NOT MEAN FOR ECHIDNA TO ARTIFICIALLY REPLACE WHAT NATURE PROVIDED!
AND IF ECHIDNAS WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO REASON AND THINK--


"-- DOES IT NOT MEAN TO UTILIZE THOSE GIFTS FOR THE GREATER GOOD ?"
HE'S BEEN IN THERE LONGER THAN EXPECTED--
--BUT WHO'S TO SAY WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED WHEN ?
ALL I KNOW ARE THE ROUGH DETAILS AND EVEN THOSE ARE SUSPECT !
IF DAD NEVER FOUND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, WHAT HOPE DO I--
WHOA!
HE'S BACK !
AND HE'S HEADING DOWNTOWN !
PROBABLY TO POW-WOW WITH DIMITRI AND THE LORD HIGH POOBAHS !
NOW HE'S TALKING TO HER?!!!
THE ONE PERSON MOM ABSOLUTELY REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT !
AND THERE THEY GO INSIDE--AS IF THEY WERE GOOD BUDDIES !
WHAT COULD SHE HAVE SAID TO HIM ?

...OUR GOAL IS NOTHING LESS THAN TO BRIDGE THE GAP THAT SEPARATES THE TECHNOCRACY FROM THE THEOCRACY--
--SO THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN LIVE UNITED IN PEACE!
WHAT ASSURANCES DO WE HAVE OF YOUR SINCERITY, DIMITRI?
YOU AND YOURS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES SOUGHT TO OVER-THROW THIS GOVERNMENT BY FORCE!
NO BONES ABOUT IT, HIGH COUNCILOR--
--BUT IF I COULD SAY SOMETHING?
BUT, OF COURSE, GUARDIAN!
THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES THE ONE WHO HAS STOOD AGAINST THE DARK LEGION IN DEFENSE OF OUR CITIZENRY!
KNUCKLES--?
TRUST ME!
LOOK--
--YOU KNOW ME--
--YOU KNOW ABOUT MY RUN-INS WITH DIMITRI AND HIS GOONS--
--SO YOU GOTTA KNOW--
--IT'S NOT THE EASIEST THING FOR ME TO TELL YOU TO TRUST HIM--
--BUT THE FIGHTING WON'T STOP--

"--UNLESS SOMEONE IS WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE!"
HOLD IT, MISS!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
I NEED TO GET INTO THAT ROOM, SIR!
NOT WITHOUT THE PROPER CLEARANCE!
I'M REALLY SORRY--
--BUT YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE MY I.D., ANYWAY!
YOU BETRAYED US FOR THE LAST TIME!!!
OH, NO!
THE CONSTABLE'S FIRING--
--AND I'M TOO LATE!
BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR THE STUNNING CONCLUSION!